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Title:

METHOD FOR EMBEDDING INFORMATION IN AN IMAGE

STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

More than thirty-six (36) months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on March 1, 2002. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

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